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**MICHAEL McCONNELL NAMED TO HEAD  
NLRB'S KANSAS REGIONAL OFFICE**

D. Michael McConnell has been appointed Regional Director of the National Labor Relations Board's Regional Office in Overland Park, KS (Region 17), succeeding F. Rozier Sharp, who retired in July 2003.

A career NLRB employee, Mr. McConnell has been serving since 2001 as Assistant to the Regional Director in Region 17. In his new position, he will supervise the handling of NLRB cases arising in Oklahoma, Kansas, western Missouri, three counties in Iowa, and 82 counties in Nebraska.

The NLRB administers and enforces the National Labor Relations Act. It conducts secret-ballot elections to determine whether employees desire union representation and investigates and remedies unfair labor practices.

In a statement announcing the appointment, NLRB Chairman Robert J. Battista and General Counsel Arthur F. Rosenfeld said:

During his years of exemplary service with the agency, Mike McConnell has acquired a well-deserved reputation as a committed and highly motivated leader. His thoughtful demeanor, industriousness and organizational skills will serve him well as he continues the tradition of excellence in the Kansas City Regional Office.

A native of Des Moines, IA, Mr. McConnell served in the U.S. Air Force from 1969-1973. He received his B.A. degree from Drake University in Des Moines in 1977. After a short stint with the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. McConnell began his career as a Field Examiner in Region 17 in 1977. He was promoted to Supervisory Field Examiner in 1997 and was appointed Assistant to the Regional Director in 2001.

Mr. McConnell and his wife Pam (a retired Field Examiner from Region 17) live in Shawnee, KS. He has two stepsons, one of whom is in the computer industry in Dallas, TX and the other is attending chef school in Los Angeles, CA.

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